

## LOYD GEORGE HOPE OF BRITISH EMPIRE, SAYS NORTHCLEFFE

An Appreciation of the New Premier by the Man Who Forced the Crisis.

"HE WILL WIN THE WAR."

Will Also Maintain Good Will Between Britain and the United States.

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By Lord Northcliffe

LONDON, Dec. 9.—As a personality, David Lloyd George is for many reasons interesting and important to the United States. He is one of the few British statesmen understanding that difficult and intangible psychology of the American temperament.

He is important to America for another reason. He is now the head of the five British nations engaged in war—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, together with India.

If they and the allies are beaten, it will be America's turn next, for Germany's plans in South America and Germany's hatred of the United States, which is known to every American who reads the anti-American propaganda of the German Government.

I do not know Lloyd George in private life; I am not in agreement with him on many political affairs. We have been publicly antagonistic on many matters during twenty years. He adopted a line in the Dardanelles war that was not mine, incurring the hatred, even contempt, of millions of his fellow subjects. It was a brave line, for it demanded more courage to be on the side of the minority opposing the war than to shout with the majority supporting it.

SOMETIMES WRONG, BUT ALWAYS COURAGEOUS.

Since then Lloyd George has led all sorts of movements at variance with the tenets of the political party to which I belong. Sometimes he has been right—and proved right; sometimes he has been wrong—and proved wrong—but in all he has undertaken he has evinced the same courage shown throughout this one momentous week's history.

Lloyd George was the only member of the Government with the courage to exhibit discontent over our feeble and vacillating conduct of the war. Occasionally in Parliament and on the platform he attempted to tell the people a little of the truth, but on these occasions he was always howled down by members of his party and their newspapers as unpatriotic and as giving comfort to the enemy. The rest did their best to hide the truth.

BELIEVES PREMIER HAD NO PERSONAL AMBITIONS.

When last week Lloyd George decided to smash the party machine wherein he was entangled, he took his courage in both hands. I do not believe he had any personal ambitions in the matter at all.

Events made him Prime Minister.

a position almost as powerful as that of your President. But his desire was that this distinction should be conferred on another. Indeed for some hours, it looked as though it would be the Scotsman, Hon. Law rather than the Welshman, Lloyd George.

He went into the wilderness alone, so far as his own party was concerned. He had as a supporter Bonar Law, who had previously opposed him on practically every phase of politics, and an outside helper in person, whose Irish policy was diametrically opposite.

The greater part of the work was done by Lloyd George himself. He is constantly referred to here as "the little Welshman," but he is not at all "little." You probably have his portrait before you. His head is not that of a little man, mentally or physically. It is the head of a man in which the sparkle of genius is combined with Celtic energy and intense industry.

I do not often see him, but I did just before he made his decision and he then appeared tired looking—older than his fifty-three years. Within a few hours of his telling Asquith he could no longer remain in his company, he looked ten years younger.

Some of his habits of concentration are a little trying to his co-workers. When involved in a scheme he is a bad keeper of appointments and an impossible correspondent. He doesn't seem to have settled hours for his meals. During the past week his diet seemed to consist principally of eggs and tea, but I believe he takes breakfast usually, additions to this meal overruling one or another.

With the difficult but necessary human units in a proposition with which he is dealing he has the usual gift of genius—that of getting other people to do things. Often they are the right people—but not always.

TRIED TO GATHER THE BEST MEN AROUND HIM.

Lloyd George tried to the best of his ability to gather around him representatives of all that is best in British life. Distance and circumstances alone prevented inclusion in his cabinet of men like Lord Shagbush, of Montreal, or W. M. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia. He had to do his picking and choosing with lightning rapidity, because in war time the value of time is quintupled.

At the beginning of the week his political opponents didn't seem able to make a Government. Now they think he won't last. I hold a different opinion.

I believe he will be head of the Government that wins the war, brings settlement of the Irish question, and maintains the essential factors—good will between the peoples of the English-speaking nations of the British Empire and the people of the United States.

FRENCH AND GERMANS BATTLE FOR HILL 304

Paris Reports Active Artillery Firing at That Point on Verdun Front.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Hill 304, on the left bank of the Meuse, was still the centre of active artillery firing last night, to-day's official statement declared.

Elsewhere along the front the night was quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Sir Douglas Haig had nothing to report to-day concerning the situation on the British west front last night.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (by wireless to Sayville).—Violent artillery fighting occurred on the Somme front yesterday, it is announced officially. A night advance against German positions near Le Transloy was repulsed.

Churchmen Oppose Army Training in Public Schools.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 9.—Opposition to military training in the public schools is embodied in a resolution submitted to-day to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ by the Commission on Peace and Arbitration. The commission also urged the American Government to invite European belligerents to a peace conference which would be willing to begin peace negotiations.

## BALFOUR DOUBTFUL ABOUT ACCEPTING PLACE IN CABINET

Picked for Foreign Office, He Dislikes Comment Over the Selection.

CARSON TO ADMIRALTY.

Lord Milner for War Council —Lloyd George Awaits Acceptances.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Star says to-day that a possible hitch has occurred in the formation of the new Cabinet owing to the reconsideration by Arthur J. Balfour of his acceptance of the Foreign Office, in view of the mixed reception his selection evoked.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Sir Edward Carson has accepted the post of First Lord of the Admiralty and that Lord Milner will be a member of the War Council, without portfolio. The Cabinet had not been completed this afternoon and the assembling of the Privy Council to enable the new Ministers to take the oath was postponed.

Lloyd George, in a statement to the press, said he still was awaiting some acceptance. It is understood that Ellis J. Griffith, formerly Under-Secretary to the Home Department, and in 1912-1913 Chairman of the Welsh Liberal party in the House of Commons, has declined the post of Home Secretary and that the Premier is looking for another man for the place.

The Prime Minister said he was very much gratified with the result of the Liberal meeting at the Reform Club. He felt it would strengthen the country in the great task it had undertaken.

Regarding personal reference to himself, Lloyd George said he had no intention of entering on personal questions in the midst of the war. There was only one purpose before the Nation at the present time, he said, and that was to win the war upon which such fateful issues were dependent.

GERMANY MORE CAREFUL IN DEPORTING BELGIANS

Only Those Included in Lists Furnished to the Conquerors Are to Be Removed From Their Homes.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Germany in a day or two will reply with a memorandum to the representations which Joseph C. Grew, Secretary of the American Embassy, has been making regarding the deportation of Belgian laborers. The reply is expected to follow much the same lines as that made to the Belgian protest through the Spanish Government, the substance of which was published in the North German Gazette this morning.

The result of Secretary Grew's conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg on the subject, probably will be that while the principle of using unemployed Belgians in Germany will be adhered to, pains will be taken to see that it is accurately applied. It is explained that it has not always been possible to prevent the measure being applied to Belgians not of the unemployed classes, but that greater care is now being exercised and that with the use of Belgian lists it is thought that the measure can be restricted solely to the classes which it is designed to affect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Rudolf M. Havens, called at the State Department to-day to express his gratitude for the American protest and to inquire if there had been any developments. He believed Germany cannot fail to heed a protest of American public opinion.

Monthly Bonus While Living Cost Keeps Up.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A 2 per cent. Christmas bonus on their salaries of the past year will be paid to the 400 employees of the Ward-Leonard Electric Company, it was announced to-day. In addition the company will pay employees a monthly bonus of 11 per cent. until the first of the year, to be continued until the present cost of living is reduced.

Wheeler Is Harvard's Captain.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 9.—Walter H. Wheeler, Jr. of Yonkers N. Y., left tackle on the varsity eleven, was elected captain of the Harvard football team to-day. He is a member of the 1915 class and prepared for Harvard at Worcester Academy although only 20 years old. Wheeler weighs 155 pounds and stands six feet, three.

TRAINS EVERY HOUR.

Kissing in the dark on a public highway now costs \$5 in Philadelphia.

U. S. Senator Goff of West Virginia Resigns, Is Reported.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 9.—A despatch to a local newspaper from Washington received to-day states that Nathan Goff, Republican, United States Senator, has tendered his resignation to M. D. Heflin. The reason for Mr. Goff's withdrawal from office was not stated. His residence is at Clarkburg. In the event of the resignation being accepted, a successor could be chosen only by a special election called by the Governor.

Arms Embargo Bill Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An embargo on the export of arms and munitions was asked in a resolution introduced in the House to-day by Representative Hollingsworth of Ohio. The embargo is to continue in effect one year from date of passage or to the end of the European war.

## Society Woman, Sued for Divorce, In the Costume of Mother Goose



MRS. LLOYD ASPINWALL, NEW YORK SOCIETY AND CLUB MAN, HAS RENEWED HER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE FROM HER HUSBAND, NOW IN RENO, AND GAIN POSSESSION OF THEIR TWO CHILDREN. HE IS NOW BRINGING SUIT IN NEW JERSEY, ALLEGING INFIDELITY, AND NAMING THEODORE WHITE, A WEALTHY NEW YORK BUSINESS MAN, AS CO-RESPONDENT.

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This is the second time within a year that Mrs. Aspinwall has sought her freedom and the custody of the children, Elizabeth, nine years old, and Lloyd Jr., four. Mrs. Aspinwall went to Reno last January and took a handsome bungalow, which she occupied with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Moulton. Within four months of her arrival there Aspinwall began a suit as a resident of New Jersey, but the Nevada courts decided they had no jurisdiction. Mrs. Aspinwall not having acquired legal residence. At that time it was rumored that White had also been in Reno.

The rift in the Aspinwall life was no surprise to society. The couple had been married in 1906 at the Church of the Incarnation, and the wedding was one of the brilliant events of the season. Mrs. Aspinwall was Miss Hensie Moulton, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Julia Moulton, of No. 4 East Sixty-first Street. Both her family and Aspinwall's had been closely connected with social and business life in New York for many years.

White, it is said, is married and has two children. Aspinwall's first action against her wife charged cruelty and mistreatment. He declared she told him she was sorry she married him, and that she did not love him. He alleged that she courted the attentions of other men, and charged her with having been a mistress for clandestine and immoral purposes, as well as carrying the photograph of another man with her continuously and sleeping with it under her pillow.

WILL DEPOSES EXECUTOR

Widow of Howard Lapsley, Banker, Makes Unexplained Change.

Mrs. Katherine A. W. Lapsley, widow of Howard Lapsley, banker, deposed the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company from the position of trustee and executor of her estate and appointed the Central Trust Company instead, in her will which was filed to-day. Mrs. Lapsley died on November 20. It is believed that she left a fortune of at least \$500,000. The will was executed September 2, 1907. It originally named her husband as sole executor and, in case of his death the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. Upon the death of her husband, a suit was instituted by the Central Trust Company without explanation of the change.

Mrs. LeDue, Who Figured in Hotel Walton Tragedy, Is Not Free.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Lillian LeDue, wife of a wealthy Chicagoan, who was shot by Mrs. Margaret Belzer after the latter had killed Joseph J. Gracour of New York in the Hotel Walton on Sept. 28, was released to-day. Weak and trembling from the long illness following the affair, Mrs. LeDue was rushed through the formality of an inquest to-day, and will return to Chicago with her husband.

Caterpillar Tractors for U. S. Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The United States Army will soon be equipped with caterpillar tractors, similar to the much-heralded British "hanks," according to plans now being drawn by the War Department, Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, declared in a report to-day.

Massachusetts Troops Leave for Home Monday.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Massachusetts Ambulance Company will start for home next Monday to be mustered out of service, it was announced to-day. The Eighteenth Pennsylvania Infantry will follow on Dec. 15.

## ROBBERS, USING SILENCERS ON PISTOLS, Baffle Police

Hold-Up of Antique Dealer Leads to Fear of Holiday Season Raids.

Aroused by menace of the gunmen's adoption of the revolver silencer as the latest aid to crime, the Police Department to-day bent every effort toward rounding up the two highwaymen who early last evening held up and robbed Edward A. Custer, an antique dealer, of No. 107 East Fifty-seventh Street.

One of them fired at Custer, the bullet missing his head by an inch, while dozens of persons passed the store and did not know of the robbery within.

Instead of a loud report, there was a sound like the spitting of an angry cat. It could not have been heard twenty feet away, Mr. Custer said.

The police fear the users of the gun silencer are preparing for store raids during the holidays and a description of them will be sent broadcast. A month ago Mr. Custer's store was entered at night and some valuable antique jewelry was stolen.

U. S. GRAND JURY TO BEGIN HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBE HERE

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combinations were said to be local in character.

In addition to Grand Jury investigations in the East and Middle West officials are considering the advisability of starting similar proceedings in the Northwest and Far Western States. It is likely that this latter proposal will be held in abeyance, however, until the investigations more definitely contemplated are in full swing.

Activities of alleged food and coal speculators are said to have extended as far South as the Mexican border and to have included virtually every section of the country.

A race is on between the Federal Government and New York State Government to see which can first do something effective to benefit the public. There is political strategy in the desire of Gov. Whitman and George W. Perkins, Chairman of his special investigating committee, to beat the Federal Government in relieving New York.

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO OPEN QUARTERS HERE NEXT WEEK

United States Attorney George W. Anderson, of Boston, who has charge of the national investigation into the conspiracies to boost the price of coal and food, will open his headquarters in this city next week. It is likely that he will take up the cases of the coal conspirators first.

Rooms have been reserved in the Federal Building by United States Attorney Marshall for Mr. Anderson and his staff.

"These conspiracies are so far-reaching," said Mr. Marshall to-day, "that it became necessary to appoint one prosecuting officer to take charge of the cases throughout the entire country. I expect that Mr. Anderson will begin work here on the mass of evidence that has been sent to him from this district. We sent it to the Department of Justice."

Mr. Marshall would not go into details of the evidence, but despatches from Washington to-day show that the high price of coal in New York is not justified; that certain speculators have got possession of large quantities of coal and have boosted the price as high as possible while holding their supply for a raise. If indictments are obtained the trials will begin at once.

Bill Limits Cold Storage to Three Months.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Representative Emerson of Ohio to-day introduced a bill to prevent cold storage warehouses from holding perishable food products for a longer period than three months.

Kansas City Boycotts Both Butter and Eggs.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—Kansas City's housewives are boycotting butter as well as eggs. Grocery stores to-day reported selling ten one-pound cartons of butter in a day where formerly fifty were sold. The egg boycott by the Restaurant Men's Association begins here to-morrow.

Seeks Farmers' Aid in Solving Food Problem.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Mayor Burns, who as president of the Mayor's conference of New York State, inaugurated a boycott on eggs, which is now almost nation-wide, said to-day: "Plans are now being worked out to secure the help of the farmers of the State in the solution of the food problem in the cities."

A Few Dozen Bottles of Good Old Evans Are Stout

WOULD INSURE XMAS CHEER Carried by Your Favorite Dealer.

## CHAUFFEURS' ROW CAUSES CITY'S WORST TRAFFIC JAM

Altercation Over Right of Way Blocks All Streets Around Hotel Biltmore.

A chauffeur and a taxicab driver got into a characteristic altercation this afternoon over right of way at the Hotel Biltmore entrance, their machines at a standstill the while, and the result of it was, in the words of Police Captain Ormsby of Traffic C, "the worst half hour of traffic congestion this city has ever known."

While the two drivers were expending their vocabularies upon each other taxicabs, motors and street cars got into an almost inextricable tangle. Capt. Ormsby had to send for all the men of his squad who could be spared from other posts to aid in unravelling it.

When the tangle became most dense it was impossible for pedestrians to cross the streets in the neighborhood of Forty-second Street and Madison Avenue, so those who knew the ropes and wanted to get to or from Forty-third Street paid five cents for a subway fare and then used the underground passage between the Biltmore and Manhattan Hotels.

"Paris in New York" Café des Arts 80 W. 40th St.

DIED. MAJESTY.—On Friday, Dec. 8, 1916, ALICE MAJESTY, wife of the late Henry Majesty. Funeral from Sheridan's Mortuary, 465 53 Ave., on Monday, Dec. 11, at 2 P. M. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.

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The Newspaper in the HOME

Is Not Only Depended Upon for News by the Workers and Their Families

It is the recognized source of information as to values and desirability in the lines of merchandise they require.

Most women in these homes scan their favorite newspaper carefully, not only before going on a shopping expedition, but before buying even casual wants. They are mainly cash customers, and as such especially desirable.

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